Scarborough – Yorkshire

My dear Sir

October – 16th/51.

I have deferred writing to you until my arrival at this Sea Bathing place, where I am sojourning for a few days, with my wife & child, & now have great pleasure in being able to advise you of the dispatch of the Leeds contributions to your annual Boston A S Bazaar for this year – the Advice, from the Shippers of the boxes having sailed, has followed me here, so that I am able to give you the particulars – the *two* Boxes are directed in full to you, same as this letter is addressed, & shipped by Messrs Train & Co. of Liverpool on board their packet ship for Boston, the "Plymouth Rock", which sailed last Monday the 13th Inst., & I hope you will receive them in plenty of time this year for your conveniently unpacking them & arranging them to the best advantage in the "Old Cradle of Liberty" – I shall be glad to hear of their safe arrival, & that *all* the articles have sold well; *both* boxes you will find are *screwed* down not nailed so that in the unpacking they will not require being broken open, & the things less disturbed which will be of advantage, particularly in the *larger* case, as it contains a *most* beautiful & *rare* four leaved Indian Screen, & is packed with the greatest care, so as not to rub at all; the Screen is entirely covered with beautiful engravings, 1700 in number, & entirely made by some friends of the cause in Leeds, comprising the Misses Lupton of Headingley & the Misses Lupton of Chapeltown both near Leeds, the Misses Warrens of London, when on a visit to Leeds, & one or two other friends. If there is any difficulty in passing it through the custom House, (which I hope there will not be) its value you will have to give as merely nominal say £10, about its cost though its market value here is at least Thirty guineas, & the friends who have contributed it, & worked hard at it think it should realize at least £35 or £40, if not £50; we could have sold it in Leeds for £30 easily, if we had thought well to do so, but felt sure when the friends in America saw it & studied it, they would give more for it. I will annex on the other side a slight sketch of the screen & some of its contents, as drawn up by one of the most ardent abolitionists, & one who was deeply interested in the making of the Screen – the other Box contains a great variety of fancy articles, drawings, mats, cushions, &c &c, You will find affixed underneath the lid of the Box a small paper of money, nailed to the Box, containing Pounds, with the Donors names enclosed. This you will perhaps acknowledge if correct, in your usual Gazette – I shall be glad to hear when the screen is sold, if not giving you or Miss Weston too much trouble what amount it realises, & who the fortunate purchaser is, as I can assure you it has been much coveted on this side of the writer — I did not receive a copy of the New York Inquirer containing the Leeds A.S. Resolutions, & suppose they did not choose to insert it, the Zion Register did in their leading columns, & sent me a paper. we are expecting daily to hear from Dr Dewey with his attempted defence of his late & present line of conduct on the Fugitive Bill, in reply to our remonstrance to him — Hoping to hear of the onward movement of your great cause, & of its speedy consummation Believe me My dear Sir

Yours very truly
~~Lu~~ Joseph Lupton
on behalf of the Leeds Committee
Mrs Joseph Lupton, Mrs Lord & Mrs Ward —

To Revd Saml May Jr
Boston —

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PS

If the slight Sketch of the Scene enclosed would be thought of interest enough, for insertion in the Liberator or Gazette it is quite at your Service —

We were very sorry Mrs Chapman could not visit the North this Autumn, before returning to Paris, but still hope to see her before she finally leaves this country for America —

Please be careful in unscrewing & unpacking the Boxes — the Money is under the lid of the smaller Box. —

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1st Steamer

18 October /51

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"Plymouth Rock"
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The Revd. Samuel May Jr.
Antislavery Office
Cornhill
Boston
United States

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